

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

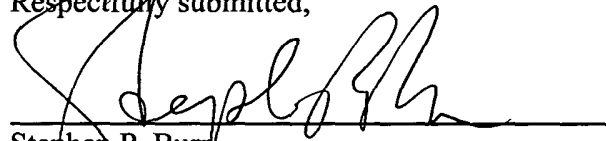
Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the specification has been amended to incorporate by reference the priority application.

Claims 1-9 are pending herein. Applicants have amended the claims to correct matters of form and to eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

September 12, 2003
Date

Respectfully submitted,



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